

REMARKS

Claim 1 is herein amended to include the subject matter of claim 2. Claims 2, 3, 20, and 21 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file a Continuation Application toward the cancelled claims.

I. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 1 because of informalities. Applicant herein corrects the informalities and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant herein amends "the second electrode group" in claim 1 to --a second electrode group--. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of claim 1.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed claims 14-19 and objected to claims 8-12 and 21. Also, claims 2 and 3 were not rejected over the prior art and are presumed to be allowable.

Applicant herein amends claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 2, and Applicant herein rewrites claim 8 in independent form. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 4-7, and 9-13 are allowable and that independent claim 8 is allowable.

IV. Conclusion

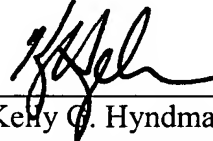
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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